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## **ADEQ Recognized as First State Government Building in Arizona to Receive Energy Star Award**

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Director Steve Owens today announced the ADEQ office building located at 1110 West Washington Street is the first State of Arizona building to earn the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star award for superior energy efficiency and environmental performance in 2005.

"I want to congratulate ADEQ for improving state government efficiency," Governor Napolitano said. "We strive to reduce costs and create environmentally friendly working conditions for our employees and ADEQ has succeeded in these efforts."

Energy Star is a federal program helping businesses, consumers and government protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Building owners earn the Energy Star by scoring in the top 25 percent on the EPA's energy performance rating system. Energy Star-qualified buildings use up to 40% less energy than typical buildings.

"ADEQ is dedicated to being energy efficient," ADEQ Director Steve Owens said. "We are proud to receive the Energy Star award for 2005, and encourage others to work toward achieving these energy efficient standards."

The Energy Star recognition plaque was installed at ADEQ earlier this week.